

National Certificate: Journalism (NQF 5)

SAQA qualification ID: 58978

PURPOSE AND RATIONALE OF THE QUALIFICATION:

This qualification has been developed for people who work or intend to work as junior journalists and who seek recognition for essential competence. Recipients of this qualification are able to write a variety of journalism texts and report at entry level. The qualification is designed to be flexible and accessible to all in journalism and wishing to enter journalism after undergraduate study or equivalent experience. It allows people to write and report in accordance with the requirements of a specific media news enterprise. The core competencies lay the foundation for a person to develop a career in sub-editing, writing and/or reporting. The elective category makes provision for specialisation in a particular medium or section of a medium and entry into sub-editing, and in doing so, increases the learner's employment possibilities.

The qualification aims to provide a bridge into the industry. Learners who qualify can be employed as junior journalists. They gather information from all media such as television, radio and newspapers, generate story ideas to present to news editors, receive and interact with story briefs, organise themselves going after stories, research backgrounds, make appointments and see people, observe, interview, judge news value, evaluate information, communicate, keep to strict deadlines, debrief, inform others, conduct follow-up meetings, develop story plans, write stories, check contexts and gaps in information, send stories to news editors, and follow-up their stories with the news editor, and plan. Competent junior journalists must be able to interact with other reporters, respect roles, have newsgathering instincts, and an insatiable curiosity.

PROGRAMME BREAKDOWN:

(120 credits minimum)

The Journalism programme is registered by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA qualification ID: 58978) at NQF level 5. It is a vocational qualification.

The one-year qualification is broken up into two core modules (skills programmes), namely:

- The Reporting Process and
- The Writing Process and

The core modules are compulsory components of the qualification.

In addition to completing the core modules, learners will complete an elective module in Editorial Management (Multimedia), Community Journalism, Sub-editing or Reporting for an Additional Medium in a Specialist Beat.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

This qualification was designed and credited based on the assumption that a learner entering a programme leading to this qualification has achieved a Certificate or Diploma at NQF Level 5 for a baseline of general knowledge in a particular area of interest to the learner, such as politics, sport, or education, or equivalent and has communication and language competence in one language at NQF Level 4.



2019 TERM DATES

Enrolment: 1 February (10:00 until 17:00. Appointment times will be communicated, upon receipt of registration fees)

Orientation: 8 February (10:00 until 17:00)

Term 1: 11 February to 5 April

Term 2: 29 April to 21 June

Term 3: 15 July to 6 September **Term 4:** 7

October to 29 November

FEE STRUCTURE

The fees include all course notes and access to all Production Equipment required for projects. There are no additional costs.

Application Fee (non-refundable): Proof of payment to be submitted together with the completed Application for Admission. Use student's Name and Surname as reference	R200.00
Registration Fee (refundable): This payment is required to secure your place for 2019, once you have received your provisional acceptance letter Due date: 30 November, 2018. (Please note Early Bird Discount offer below) Deadline for refund: 1 February, 2019. The full amount will be refunded if the applicant informs the institution, in writing, of his/her intention to withdraw from the programme on or before 1 February, 2019.	R5,800.00
PLUS	PLUS
Course Fee: Option 1: Full upfront payment on or before 1 February, 2019 OR Option 2: Quarterly payments of R10 000 per quarter, payable before the start of each term (Payments due on or before 1 February, 26 April, 12 July and 4 October, 2019)	R36,000.00 OR R40,000.00 (in four quarterly payments of R10 000)



*** EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT:**

If you pay your registration fee on or before 1 October, 2018, you will be eligible for a discount of R6000 on your Course Fee, if you select Option 1.

PLEASE NOTE: You only qualify for the discounted amount if we receive proof of payment of the following payments:

1. R6000 registration fee on or before 1 October, 2018.
2. R30 000 Course fee on or before 1 February, 2019.

BANKING DETAILS

Account Holder: **The Media Workshop cc**

Bank: **FNB**

Account No: **62075917173**

Branch Name: **Newton Park, PE**

Branch Code: **261050**

Reference: **Please use your student number, as indicated on your provisional acceptance letter, as reference on all payments into this account, once you have received your letter.**

- * Please send proof of all payments to the Head of Marketing, Ms Nomvuyo Snyman, at
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